Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Cemetery Tour June 18
Genealogists Helping Research

The Society's **annual free walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 am.** It will start at the entrance to the cemetery at 7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St.

This year's tour will expand on the *occupations* theme of last year and review some of those *leaving a mark on the community.* Kim Turner and Isabel Egglin have included new sites and new information about people in a variety of occupations and professions that make up our young city.

Also involved in our research this year are some members of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG). Patricia Nicola, a QAHS member and chapter president of PS-APG, has coordinated a genealogical perspective on some of the cemetery personages. This has provided a wealth of information not as readily available to our normal historical research. PS-APG is available at *www.apgen.org/localchapters/pugetsound.*

Each year this two-hour tour entertains visitors and locals alike with informative and colorful stories contained in Queen Anne's own historical cemetery. Owners Bill and Loretta Edwards are always gracious in allowing this tour of their cemetery.

Bring your walking shoes and join us on this free tour: Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 am.

Paul Dorpat Featured At Annual Meeting

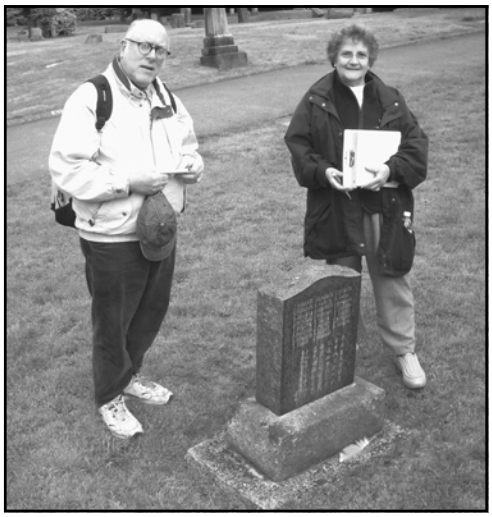
Join your friends and neighbors for a spirited discussion of the development of Queen Anne, presented by **Paul Dorpat,** popular speaker and writer. He will show some of his extensive collection of Seattle photos and answer local history questions for you. Mr. Dorpat is the author of the "Now and Then" feature in the Pacific Northwest Magazine section of the Sunday Times and has published several books on local history. He has been a regular and very popular presenter at QAHS meetings over the years.

The May meeting is also the **Society's Annual Membership Meeting** and includes elections of Board members for the coming year, along with news on current presevation issues. If you are interested in serving our community on the QAHS Board of Trustees, please contact John Hennes or Bob Frazier (see contact list on page two).

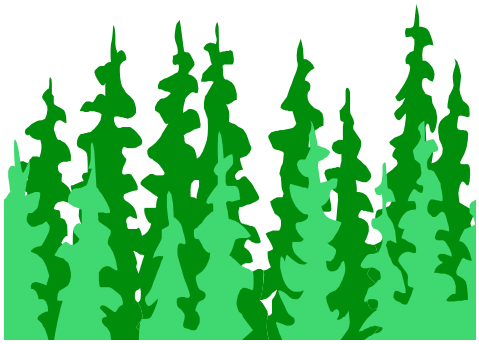
Join your neighbors at our next public meeting

Wednesday, May. 25, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave.West on Queen Anne.



Kim Turner and Isabel Egglin researching Mt. Pleasant cemetery markers for last year's tour.
Photo by John Hennes



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Membership Notice

NOTICE! It's time once again to renew your membership, for 2005-2006. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows *(2005EXP)* it means your membership expires this month, May 2005.** The same for *2006EXP*, and so on. **An envelope is enclosed for those with 2005 expiration.** For more information contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ***.....Thanks for helping make this a great organization!***

Calendar of

Wed. May 25, 2005

Program and Annual Meeting: Paul Dorpat Presents. Always interesting photos and comments, at McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See page one)

Sat. June 18, 2005

Walking Tour: The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 10 am. Theme: *"Leaving a mark on the community."* Meet at entrance. Free. (See story)

Sat. July 24, 2005

Event: Uptown Alliance sponsoring a *"Celebration of Uptown Parks."* Music and booths, at QA Ave and Roy St

Sat. Sept. 17, 2005

Walking Tour: A revisit to the West McGraw neighborhood. 10 am. Meet at 5-Corners (3rd W & W McGraw). Free.

Wed. Sept. 28, 2005

Program: Women of Queen Anne: Their Accomplishments and Their 1900 Fashions. Live models wearing period clothing. *Rescheduled from May. Not to be missed.* Location to be announced, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Nov. 23, 2005

Program: The Building of King County Highways. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. *Rescheduled from March meeting.*

The President's Desk

Thanks for the Memories

As we approach our Annual Meeting, I look forward to it with both pleasure and regret; pleasure in being able to be your President these past two years, and regret that the time has passed so quickly. It's been pleasure for the great meetings that Del Loder has put together for us, the incredible efforts Kim Turner has done in research for our walking and cemetery tours, and regret for the increased scale of redevelopment taking place on our hill as land and housing values skyrocket.

I am reminded of a book my wife recently showed me called "Vanishing Victoria", wherein the author has documented many older sites of our sister city to the north that are present no longer. Let us hope we are able to preserve many of our Queen Anne treasures, such as the Gable House (former home of H.W. Treat), the Japanese consul residence, and our old John Hay School building.

Many thanks must also go to Isabel Egglin for her terrific support as Vice-President, Bob Frazier for maintaining the archive, Will shopes for his financial acumen, Nadine Belcher Frazier for her membership records, as well as John Hennes and Holly Smith for their tireless work on the Cobblestone and board minutes respectively, documenting our own Queen Anne "history". I look forward to continuing to serve on your Board as we head into our new fiscal year.

And one last plug for our website, where you can always read about the latest goings-on (if you missed it in our e-mails!)—send me your e-mails on what you hear is happening, so we can share in the latest news.

Thanks to all, and best wishes to Isabel in our new year as your next President.
Bruce Jones, Soon-to-be-Past-President.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Heritage News

Going, Going, ...

by John Hennes

This has not been a good time for heritage preservation on Queen Anne. The loss of the Black House, at 222 W. Highland Drive, in early 2004, stunned many residents.

This year we lost the struggle to landmark and preserve the Park View apartments on W. Highland Drive across from Kerry Park, next door to the Black House.

The Chittenden house, at 501 W. Olympic Place, just east of Kinnear Park, has been marked for demolition for some time now and residents have just been given their 60 day notices. This 1909 brick beauty was designed by Victor Vorhees and built for Clyde C. Chittenden, brother of Brig. General Hiram M. Chittenden, who built the Ballard Locks.

The old John Hay school is targeted for closure and the exterior re-siding work, necessary to preserve this 1905 historic landmark, is threatened to be canceled, even though it was approved in last year's school capital levy vote.

Treat House at One W. Highland Drive, also known as the Gable House. Built in 1905 for Harry Whitney Treat.

Now, the famous Treat House at Queen Anne Ave and West Highland Drive is on the market with the expectation that it will be sold (for $8 million) and torn down for a new six-story development.

Where this will end is unknown. The economic pressures on properties that have been inflated by millions of dollars undercuts much of our efforts to preserve. The lack of any comprehensive preservation plan for Seattle neighborhoods means that each property is reviewed as a stand-alone project. One by one they will go until we will find that the entire community ambience has been transformed and no hint of the past remains. The Uptown area in lower Queen Anne is an example, with essentially none of the earlier structures still standing, except for those few blocks on Roy St. west of 3rd Ave W.

Your Historical Society cannot stem this tide alone, perhaps not even with help. What we are doing is to try to present these issues to a larger audience and to at least preserve a record of what was there before. Perhaps you have ideas and energy to consider these issues. Come talk with us.

Water Tower Design Chosen

The work on the new Queen Anne water tower is proceeding through a series of public meetings and the Seattle Design Commission.

The planned configuration is shown in the computer enhanced picture below (at left). The color will be a copper-toned shade of brown, lighter at the top. The color detail is still in work.

Details of a display and pedestrian area at the north end have not been settled and may wait until work is completed on the tank itself in late 2006.

Water tower in 2006. The new standpipe as seen looking west, with the fire station adjacent. The tower height is the same as the original tower.

Photo courtesy of Seattle Public Utilities

Water towers in about 1905, looking northwest. The two tanks together hold about 1/2 of what the new tank will hold.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address_____

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Member Category: (check one)

___ Individual $15 ___ Patron $50 - $199

___ Family $20 ___ Benefactor $200 & up

___ Student/Senior $8 ___ Contribution only, $_____

___ I would like to become active in the Society.

The QAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

Return with payment to: *Queen Anne Historical Society,*

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: $25
($20 for members)
Hard cover: $45
($40 for members)

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty:____

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***Coming up*: Another visit by the always entertaining Paul Dorpat, at the Wed., May 25th Program at McClure Middle School, 7:30 pm.**

Kim's Musings

Here Today, ...

Yesterday I visited the Lewis and Clark exhibit at the Museum of History and Industry. The view of maps, books, letters, plans and charts, as well as artifacts from the 1804-06 expedition, and also artifacts from later explorations by the U.S. into the West during the next half-century, gave me a feeling of wonder. Not wholly due to the number of items, but as much because they had been cared for, saved so that later viewers would see things that existed many years before I was born.

It is one of the reasons I take photographs of the areas in which I live, create walking tours of the Queen Anne neighborhoods, and keep news clippings about Queen Anne. It gives me a personal sense of maintaining the district's history even if we, as a historical society, cannot save some of the beautiful homes on the Hill and around its base. Now that the Treat mansion (Queen Anne and W. Highland Dr.) is on the real-estate-for-sale list, at $8 million, one realizes that if the buildings cannot themselves be saved, we owe it to future generations of Queen Anne residents to document what was there when....

I viewed local materials at MOHAI after leaving the Lewis and Clark exhibit: Slo-Mo-Shun IV, Bobo, a Boeing biplane, and the original paintings of Dr. Smith's home at Interbay, and David and Louisa Denny's second home in central lower Queen Anne, adjacent to the Uptown district. There are treasures from the past that may have no cash value, but, unlike private homes, they will continue into the next century and beyond, because at some point someone had the historical sense override the need for money.

As this newsletter goes to press, I will be returning from a visit to Boise, Idaho, where a history conference is taking place April 28-30. I hope to see a few things in that city which have been preserved. I wish I could win Lotto and buy up all the endangered great houses of Queen Anne Hill, as well as examples of the work of each architect, designer, and building contractor who has done work somewhere on the Hill during the last 110 years. There is little remaining of the once-common Queen Anne gingerbread style of architecture on the Hill. But if we cannot slow the modern drive to tear down the past, there will disappear the community which we once called Queen Anne.

Look at Capitol Hill and Broadway if you have time. The changes to that area have been devastating to both businesses and residential areas. Had the Harvard-Belmont Historic District not been put in place by far-seeing historian-activists, much of the beauty of that part of Seattle would also be gone. From my visit to central and western Massachusetts last fall I learned that many two or three hundred-year-old homes are in regular use today, proving that modern inhabitants CAN survive in older homes. The past is only with us as long as we have memorabilia, photos and the actual buildings and other things which remain from those eras. It would be a pity to lose all those ties to the past through indifference or greed.

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.